

Proposal to put to DEMAT

We the Parish Councils of Wormegay and Tottenhill, the communities of these villages and the parents of Wormegay school have considered the risks to our communities of losing Wormegay C or E Primary school, which you will find attached. With the data that we have available to us we have considered the bigger picture of the current situation and your proposal, which we have combined into the attached information. We believe that the short, medium and long term risks to these children and our communities are significant, and our analysis shows more risks and concerns than benefits. Therefore, with community and children wellbeing and educational standards at the heart of our considerations we would like to put the following proposal to you.

We are confident that with a 2 year plan we could increase the numbers at Wormegay significantly, and that by 2023 it would be sitting at 80% capacity (38 students), and not the figures of 6 that you are predicting. We challenge where and how you obtained this figure, which you could not adequately explain at the online consultation meeting. We would do all we can to make it happen, but our expectation of you is that you would ensure that this schools educational performance improved and moves to good over this period of time. We would expect that we would work collaboratively to ensure that both of these goals are reached, in the longer term best interests of these communities and their children. At the end of the 2 year period we would hand back to you the responsibility of following through on a full action plan to ensure this schools longer term prosperity. If we fail in our objective we will accept that Wormegay school is no longer sustainable, and we will accept any decision that you make to close, providing that you have kept to your side of this and that this schools educational attainment sits at good.

This would provide a win-win for both you and us, it would provide you with increased revenue for this school, and for us, we would continue to have a healthy community, with better improved longer term wellbeing for our children (education, mental and physical health as research suggests) and their families. We believe that this is more than achievable if we work together, and that this demonstrates the values that your organisation describe of love, community, trust, respect and ambition. The alternative to this is that you demonstrating the opposite of the values that you hold describe on your Website, that you, and organisation that represents the Church, takes

responsibility for the obvious pain you will be causing these children, their families and this community.

We take our responsibilities to this community extremely seriously and know that it is best served with a school operating within it. We have families that have recently moved into this community for this unique school, and we are confident that the new babies being born now need the opportunity to attend in the future. We are confident that we can fill this school, are you confident that you can deliver good education?

We await your response.

Kindest Regards

Tottenham & Woremegay Parish Councils